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Department of Justice:

The case against Microsoft has dragged on long enough. It needs to be settled and I think the agreement reached is reasonable. It is now the responsibility of the DOJ to get AOL and the other states holding out to drop their complaints.

My experience with computers is limited but the worst possible service I have tried to use came from AOL. It was unreliable and difficult to use. When I shifted to Microsoft programs and service, it was like night and day. Whatever Microsoft did produced a superior, easy to use product and my ability to expand my computer use was enhanced.

The gripes by AOL (hardly a minor player when it comes to monopolies) and Oren Hatch as well as others, seem to be petty because they are losers in the creativity related to the world of computing.

In short, it is time to move forward--not to drag this on further. Enough damage has been done already by the Department of Justice in fostering the lawsuit. Settle it now and let the players see how creative they can be. There is plenty of room for innovation for all parties.

Sincerely, Frank N. Peterson.